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Profile and Accreditation	
Type of Organization	Sport organisation / NGO offering participation in youth-led event and youth participation activities
Is the partner organization a public body?	NO
Is the partner organization a non-profit?	YES

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# Please briefly describe your organization

Mini-pitch, established on September 6, 2021, is a dynamic non-governmental organization with a rich history of organizing diverse community-oriented initiatives. Specializing in sports activities, children's camps, social projects, and educational programs, Mini-pitch has demonstrated a strong commitment to fostering community engagement and well-being.

The organization's extensive local connections and community involvement serve as a strong foundation for successful projects. Mini-pitch has established partnerships with local schools, sports clubs, sports federations, and refugee support networks, facilitating efficient outreach and meaningful engagement with its target participants.

Notably, **Mini-pitch** has actively contributed to the well-being of Ukrainian civil citizens who arrived in Latvia as refugees. Through various initiatives, including free sports sessions, entertainment games, and festive events, **Mini-pitch** provided opportunities for interaction, learning, and joy for over a thousand participants. The organization has also organized special projects such as Christmas events, sports training for Ukrainian

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children, summer camps, and family friendship programs, promoting cultural exchange and unity.

In addition to its focus on refugee support, **Mini-pitch** has been actively involved in community-building activities for local residents. From organizing free sports activities for schools and kindergartens to hosting football tournaments and educational workshops, **Mini-pitch** has consistently contributed to the well-being and integration of both Ukrainian and Latvian communities.

Overall, **Mini-pitch** stands as a proactive and community-driven organization, making a positive impact on the lives of both refugees and residents through its diverse range of initiatives and projects.

What are the activities and experience of the organisation in the areas relevant for this application?

Mini-pitch has consistently demonstrated a strong commitment to community engagement through a diverse range of sports-related initiatives. With a focus on promoting physical activity, fostering social inclusion, and enhancing community well-being, Mini-pitch has extensive experience and a proven track record in the following areas:

- Organizing Sports Events and Tournaments: Mini-pitch has successfully organized numerous sports events and tournaments, catering to various age groups and skill levels. These events include local football tournaments, community sports days, and friendly matches, which have attracted wide participation and fostered community spirit.
- 2) **Children's Sports Camps:** The organization has a rich history of conducting children's sports camps that emphasize physical fitness, teamwork, and personal development. These camps are designed to be inclusive and engaging, providing children with structured sports training and recreational activities during school holidays.
- 3) **Community Sports Programs:** Mini-pitch runs ongoing community sports programs that offer regular training sessions and recreational sports activities. These programs are designed to be accessible to all, including underprivileged groups and individuals with special needs, ensuring broad community participation.
- 4) **Partnerships with Local Entities:** Leveraging its extensive network of partnerships with local schools, sports clubs, and federations, Mini-pitch effectively collaborates to organize joint sports events and initiatives. These partnerships enhance the reach and impact of their programs, providing more opportunities for community members to engage in sports.
- 5) **Support for Refugee Communities:** Mini-pitch has played a significant role in supporting Ukrainian refugees in Latvia through sports initiatives. This includes organizing free sports sessions, entertainment games, and special events such as Christmas celebrations and summer camps. These activities not only provide physical benefits but also help in social integration and emotional well-being of refugees.
- 6) **Educational Workshops and Training:** In addition to physical activities, Minipitch conducts educational workshops that focus on the importance of sports and physical activity, promoting healthy lifestyles, and providing coaching and leadership training. These workshops aim to empower participants with the knowledge and skills needed to maintain an active lifestyle.

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7) Inclusive and Diverse Programs: Mini-pitch ensures that its programs are inclusive, catering to diverse groups within the community, including different age groups, genders, and cultural backgrounds. This commitment to inclusivity promotes social cohesion and mutual understanding within the community.

Mini-pitch team consists of several sport experts, educators, youth workers and youth leaders of various profiles. The management of Mini-pitch has over 5 years of experience in coordinating EU projects.

# Most relevant ongoing and completed projects

Project No. 101288413 (Call AMIF-2025-TF2-AG-INTE, Topic AMIF-2025-TF2-AG-INTE-01-WOMEN)

#### **LEADher**

Short description: Leadership, Empowerment, Access, Dignity for HER – is a 30-month transnational initiative designed to empower migrant women across Europe by addressing the intersecting barriers they face in employment, digital participation, and civic life. Despite progress in EU policy, non-EU-born women remain less likely to be employed, more exposed to discrimination, and underrepresented in leadership. LEADher responds by combining tailored support pathways with systemic change, ensuring that migrant women are not only integrated but enabled to lead. The project brings together 16 partners from 11 EU Member States and 1 associated partner, representing municipalities, NGOs, universities, SMEs, and training providers. All project activities are co-financed by Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund.

Project is in submission, project duration - 30 months

Estimated partner budget: 413'355 EUR

Project No. ESF-SI-2024-UA-01-0030 - U-PLAYS

#### U-PLAYS - Ukrainian Participation in Language, Athletics, and Youth Support

Short description: The project U-PLAYS supports integration of Ukrainian youth through sports, employment training, and language learning. Aligned with the goals of ESF+ initiative, it addresses the societal impacts of Russia's war against Ukraine by fostering social inclusion. Project will be implemented in consortium with *Verein für aktiv Leben und Bildung (ACTIVE)* (Austria) as a lead partner and *OTI Slovakia* as a project partner. All project activities are co-financed by European Social Plus Fund.

Project duration: 10/04/2025 - 10/10/2026

Partner budget: 212'979 EUR

More information: <a href="https://socialinnovationplus.eu/project/u-plays-ukrainian-">https://socialinnovationplus.eu/project/u-plays-ukrainian-</a>

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Project No: SIF\_2023\_NVO\_UKR\_08

Valoda, sports un karjeras iespējas ukraiņu jauniešiem Latvijā (Language, sport and carrier opportunities for Ukrainian youth in Latvia)

Short description: Every Saturday all Ukrainian youth (aged 12 to 25) can participate in free events. The project "Language, sports and career opportunities for Ukrainian youth in Latvia" includes both sports and educational activities. The events are co-financed by the Society Integration Foundation and the Latvian Football Federation.

Project duration: 01/01/2024 - 19/05/2024

Budget: 89'835 EUR

More information: https://www.facebook.com/reel/746952097538069

Project No: LE/2022/0002

#### Summer camp for Ukrainian refugees (kids)

The events were financed by charity organization Ziedot.lv and Enefit.

Project duration: 1/08/2022 - 5/08/2022

Budget: 16'100 EUR

More information:

https://nometnes.gov.lv/camps/view/21218?return=aHR0cHM6Ly9ub21ldG5lcy5nb3YubHYvY2FtcHMvYXJoaXZzLzExMj9vcmRlcmluZz1kZXNjLzEwMDA





Project No: individual contracts

## Sports and recreation camps for children (33 camps for 1112 children in total)

The events were financed by Riga city council.

Budget: 205'720 EUR

Project duration: 06/2021 - 05/2023

More information: https://lidlarena.lv/bernu-nometnes-2023/



Project No: Individual contracts

#### Children football tournaments

The events were financed by the Football Federation of Latvia and UEFA Grassroots.

Budget: 28'250 EUR

Project duration: 09/2021 - 05/2023

More information: https://lff.lv/zinas/13533/notiks-futbola-festivalu-serija-berniem/





Project No: DIKS-22-941-nd

# Free of charge sports days for families

The events were financed by the Riga city council

Project duration: 14/08/2022, 28/08/2022, 24/09/2022, 19/11/2022

Budget: 18'000 EUR

More information: <a href="https://lidlarena.lv/sporta-dienas-gimenem/">https://lidlarena.lv/sporta-dienas-gimenem/</a>







Project No: SIF-UKR-KO-2023-2-07

Sadraudzības sestdienas Playoff Arena (Commonwealth Saturdays at Playoff Arena)

The events were financed by the Society Integration Foundation.

Project duration: 04/11/2023 - 30/12/2023

Budget: 39'745 EUR

More information: https://www.facebook.com/reel/1752733888559702





Contracts No: 15/08/2022, 06/01/2023 and 01/09/2023

#### Free of charge arena for Ukrainian refugees every Saturday night

The events were financed by the Football Federation of Latvia and UEFA Foundation for children

Project duration: 01/10/2022 - 31/05/2024

Budget: 38'804 EUR

More information: https://playoff.lv/bezmaksas-futbola-laukums-begliem/

Project No: 13/09/2021 and 30/03/2022

#### Sports and recreation activities for kindergartens and schools (1490 participants)

The events were financed by the Football Federation of Latvia and UEFA Grassroots.

Project duration: 09/2021 - 05/2023

Budget: 28'250 EUR

More information:

https://lff.lv/zinas/13533/notiks-futbola-festivalu-serija-berniem/

https://playoff.lv/bernudarzi\_un\_skolas/

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Project No: Individual contracts

#### **Children football tournaments**

The events were financed by the Football Federation of Latvia and UEFA Grassroots

Project duration: Every Sunday from January 2021

Budget: 190'000 EUR

More information:

https://www.facebook.com/reel/3032693260194017

https://www.flickr.com/photos/196835887@N02/albums/

